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Sir:

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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that the following two references were cited by the Norwegian Patent Office in the corresponding Norwegian application Serial No. 2002 3605, filed July 29, 2002. A copy of that Search Report is attached hereto:

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The other three references cited on the Norwegian Search Report were filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 2, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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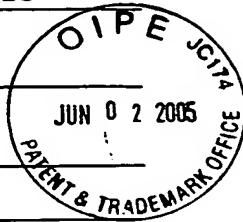
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